

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 2:34 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Casperson. (1/11)

Representative Mayes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2005, supported by Representative Sheltroun. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to adopt the minutes as presented.

Chair Nitz welcomed Dan Wyant, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Mr. Wyant provided a power point presentation which outlined MDA key priorities and programs for 2005, the impact of Michigan's agricultural industry, opportunities and challenges facing the MDA, and food safety and security. Following the presentation, Mr. Wyant and Vicki Pontz-Teachout of MDA answered questions from members.

Representative Law made a motion to excuse Representative Casperson, supported by Representative Mayes. No objections being offered, Representative Casperson was excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:35 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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